infrastructure including durable assets at the village level to enable the rural poor to increase the opportunities for sustained employment. Its secondary objective is the generation of supplementary employment for the unemployed poor in rural areas.

Model villages in the States

2892. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are developing model villages in all the States;

(b) if so, the details of the selected villages, State-wise;

(c) whether Soalkuchi village in Kamrup District of Assam has been selected among such villages as a centre of silk industry;

(d) if so, the details of schemes finalised for the same, amount released so far and stage of implementation of such schemes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Technology Mission on Cotton

2893. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched technology mission on cotton;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the mission; and

(c) what are the objectives and the targets set ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Technology Mission on Cotton Development comprises four Mini Missions with the

objectives of 'research', 'dissemination of technology to farmers', 'improvement in marketing infrastructure' and 'modernisation of Ginning and Pressing Factories'. The estimated expenditure during the IX Plan (1999-2000 to 2001-2002) is Rs. 593 crore out of which Rs. 450.8125 crore will be borne by the Government of India and the remaining Rs. 142.1875 crore will be borne by the State Governments. The targets set are as under :

(1) Seed Production/Distribution	
i. Distribution of Certified Seed (Quintal)	3,00,000
ii. Production of Certified/Breeder Seed (Quintal)	15,000
iii. Production of Certified/Foundation Seed (Quintal)	50,000
(2) Demonstration (Hectare)	
i. Field demonstration	1,50,000
ii. Front Line demonstration	6,000
(3) Training (Nos.)	
i. State Level	180
ii. Field Level	4,230
(4) Integrated Pest Management	
i. Bio-agent Labs. (Nos.)	20
ii. Surveillance (Nos.)	240
iii. IPM Demonstration-cum-Training (Nos.)	7,850
iv. Sprayers (Nos.)	1,46,000
v. Pheromone Traps (Hectare)	1,50,000
vi. Supply of Bio-agents/bio-pesticides (Hectare)	7,50,000
(5) Distribution of	
i. Sprinkler(Nos.)	32,100
ii. Drip (Nos.)	64,152

(6) Distribution of Seed Delinting Plants (Nos.)	
i. Chemical methods	30
ii. Mechanical methods	30
(7) Improvement in market infrastructure	
i. Activating non-functional market yards (Nos.)	15
ii. improvement of existing market yards (Nos.)	30
iii. Setting up of new market yards (Nos.)	6
(8) Modernisation of Ginning & Pressing Factories (Nos.)	150

Setting up Textile Mills in Assam

2894. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of textile mills set up in the country particularly in the State of Assam during the last three years;

(b) the location of those textile mills;

(c) whether Government propose to set up some new textile mills in the State of Assam during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) No new textile mill was set up in State of Assam during the last three years.

(c) and (d) The role of the Central Government for the development of the textile industry is that of a facilitator and it does not set up the textile mills on its own.

Revamping of Export Quota Policy

2895. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY : will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the measures taken to revive the textile industry in view of phasing out of the multi-fibre arrangement; and